

## It's more fun learning English on the beach

Cebu CITY—In the Philippines, English language courses come with possible discounts, field trips to the beach and interactive learning on sand.

English is widely spoken in the fastest growing economy and language proficiency schools have mushroomed across the country catering to an expanding market of Asian and European students looking to master English learning with tropical tourism.

Foreign student Laura Sanchez will soon be taking a trip to enter a public college in the United Kingdom and is under pressure to perfect her English. She chose to take classes in the Philippines due to lower costs.

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**LEARNING ENGLISH WITH FUN** Foreign students of Cebu Pacific International Language School prepare their swimming gear at a beach outing in Cebu City. About 500 English language schools have mushroomed across the country, one-fifth are in Cebu, catering to a growing market of Asian and European students hoping to mix English lessons with tropical tourism.

# P-Noy: Thank you, China

## Beijing funded Angat project

By Christine G. Arendale

PRESIDENT Aquino yesterday thanked China for funding a P5.3-billion water improvement project in Angat Dam and underscored the importance of cooperation and respect among neighboring nations.

Mr. Aquino's statement came even as his cabinet agreed that the Philippines would not stand down and withdraw from disputed areas in the West Philippine Sea (South China Sea).

"If you mean stand down our statement, I think we will maintain our sovereign rights over our Exclusive Economic Zone," presidential spokesperson Robert Francisco told in response to China's statement that Manila should withdraw from disputed areas because it had no military right to defend them. "That is something we will not give up."

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**'Asian May' founders in West Philippine Sea**  
Aquino: No quick resolution to sea dispute, says Indonesian president / A20

## Covey, life coach guru, dies of bike crash injuries

SALMONG, Idaho—The US pioneering motivational guru Stephen R. Covey, author of the international best seller "The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People" as well as several other popular books that together have sold millions of copies, has died, Hawaii, 79.

In a statement sent to employees of a Utah consulting firm Covey cofounded, his family said the influential writer, popular speaker and business consultant died at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, early Monday due to complications from a bicycle accident in April.

His final hours, he was

COVEY: A20



**WATER DIPLOMACY** President Aquino and Chinese Ambassador Ma Keping (right) attend the inauguration of La Mesa Dam Project in Quezon City on Tuesday. The water improvement project was funded by a multibillion-dollar loan from China. Also present at the inauguration were (from left) Public Works Secretary Rogelio L. Sison, MWH's Chairwoman R. Kilgus and MWH's Administrator Gerardo A. Anguiano.

## SC rules on JBC row but defers verdict

By Marlon Ramon

**HAS THE SUPREME COURT** decided its lawsuit?

Apparently amusing from outside is the flip-flop again on the petition of the opposition, the high court yesterday deferred the case because of its ruling on the matter.

In a press briefing, acting court spokesperson Ma. Victoria G. Reyes said the high court had reached a decision on the petition of former Solicitor General Francisco Chavez, but opted to make a public on Thursday.

However, three court insiders told the Inquirer that a majority of the justices have voted to grant Chavez's petition, which sought to bar Sen. Francis "Chiz" Escudero and Isko Rep. Niel Espino from participating at the same time in the selection of the next Chief Justice.

SC RULES: A18

## QC cop casualty of P-Noy's no 'wangwang' policy

By Nancy C. Carvajal and Christine G. Arendale

IN AN PNMIC brief, a Division City traffic policeman has become a casualty of President Aquino's "no wangwang" (no street) policy.

SPO2 Ricardo Pascua was involved in his duties pending an in-

vestigation for not giving way to the presidential car as it was passing along Generalissimo Avenue yesterday morning.

Mr. Aquino was on his way to La Mesa Dam to inaugurate a water improvement project of the Metropolitan Waterworks and

QC COP: A19

## PLUNDER

## GMA wants to stop P366-M PCSO case

By Lella B. Salaverria and Michael Lim Ulan

FORMER President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo yesterday sought a halt to all court proceedings and her possible arrest in connection with her plunder case arising from the alleged misuse of P366 million in Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) funds.

In an urgent motion, Arroyo's lawyers said she would file a motion for reconsideration in the Office of the Undersecretary of the Department of Justice, asking that she and other officers be charged with plunder, a non-bailable offense.

This is the first plunder case

against Arroyo, although this is already deemed for another non-bailable case, electoral sub-cases, pending in the Sandiganbayan Regional Trial Court.

Arroyo is also facing graft cases in the Sandiganbayan for her approval of the allegedly overpriced National Broadband Network deal with China's ZTE Corp. The deal has been scrapped.

Merito Rosario del Rosario and Christian Diaz of the Diaz, Del Rosario and Associates Law firm also asked that the Office

OF JUDGE: A21

**GMA seeks bishops' prayers** / A21

## Genuino charged over P258-M coffee overprice

By Lella B. Salaverria

THREE former officials of the state-run Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) and its coffee supplier may be facing plunder charges this month.

A year after President Aquino dropped his bombshell on the agency's P258-million bill for coffee, Pagcor filed a plunder and graft complaint against former chair Erlin Genato.

Also named in the complaint filed in the Office of the Undersecretary of the Department of Justice yesterday were Rafael Francisco and Rene Figueroa, former

Pagcor president and senior vice president, respectively, and Carlos Crist Marabon, the owner of Promobank Inc., the former Pagcor coffee supplier.

Manila-based in the wake of Johnny Tria, a "brown-elf" of Genato and the second named of the Pula party list group identified with the former Pagcor chair.

In the complaint filed by present directors Jose Tanguilan and Kristiane Pagud, Pagcor alleged that Genato and his co-defendants entered into a conspiracy

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# 'Enteng': Hello and good-bye

**TRICAL** From "Enteng" around the Philippine area of responsibility (PH) Manila right but only fully portable from all in this webpage.

The storm finally made its presence felt, swelling into PH before 8 p.m. Monday and peaking at 12 midnight, and downing

of the Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.

"No effect at all. It didn't even cause the exhaust to move," Trical said. "It didn't even move."

From a tropical depression over the Pacific Ocean, it intensified to a typhoon when it reached the

of Taiwan, descending the northeastern coast of PH. Taiwan is within PH, the area where the weather bureau monitors typhoons and issues warnings.

By 2 a.m. Tuesday, the storm was estimated to be 1,100 kilometers east-northeast of Luzon, leaving parking maximum winds of 15

kilometers per hour, and gusting up to 30 kph. It was forced to move west-northeast toward Japan.

Forecast low pressure areas often changed name and brought some change to some parts of the webpage. An average of 30 typhoons enters the webpage from the Pacific Ocean.

A weak southeast monsoon would bring cloudy skies with scattered rain showers and thunderstorms over southern Luzon and Taiwan. The rest of the country would be partly to mostly with isolated rain showers or thunderstorms, the bureau said. **D. Borja**

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by Stephen J. Miller

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# MGB erases Davao City from mining list

**DAVAO CITY**—Potential mining areas in this city, the largest in the world in terms of land size, have been stricken off the list of proposed sites for "Mt. Isarad Bayan," or areas where small-scale mining may be allowed, according to an official of one of the government's mining regulatory agencies.

William Arnes, head of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau in Southern Mindanao, said the MGB had listed several areas in the city as possible Mount Isarad Bayan sites.

The bureau announced these areas from this list following widespread opposition to mining in

proposed open-offshore sites of the city, particularly the slaughterhouse lands of Mayor Isarad Bayan and Vice Mayor Isarad Bayan. President Aquino's Executive Order No. 74, which outlines the administration's policy on mining, prohibits small-scale mining in areas not listed in Mindanao

Bayan sites. The MGB was tasked with identifying these areas.

Arnes said that the city's Mayor Isarad Bayan and Vice Mayor Isarad Bayan are "inclined to be mineral rich."

Arnes said he had "officially" stricken off the city's Mount Isarad Bayan list. The MGB, he said, decided to "forget the city" where no mining is allowed.

The decision, said Arnes, was prompted by the opposition to mining expressed by the city mayor and his allies, the city council.

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**A PROTESTER** carries a child used in a protest against the proposed mining in the city. The protest was organized by the city mayor and his allies.

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## ARMM solon says RH bill to become law in region

**COTABATO CITY**—If Congress would act on the reproductive health bill, the autonomous region in Muslim Mindanao (ARMM) will benefit.

Senator Datto Tondok, member of the ARMM Regional Legislative Assembly (RLA), said the bill will deliver on the vision of the RH bill that was passed.

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## Negros town mayor goes all-out for coal plants

**By Carlo P. Gomez**  
Negros Occidental

The MAYOR of Negros Occidental city declared his support for coal power plants, saying that the province is rich in coal resources and that the province's economy would be in jeopardy if the province is not open to mining.

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**LIKE A SORN THUMB!** Taken from the website of a construction company, this digital depiction of the proposed Torre de Manila stands was presented during the Manila City Council hearings on the contentious project.

# 'Condo near Luneta violates no law'

By James T. Garil

THE MANILA city building officer who faces charges from city councilors following his approval of a 40-story condominium defended his actions amid criticism that the building would ruin the view of Rizal Park.

Melvin Balaguer said he granted a building permit to the developer DMCI Homes for its Torre de Manila project on July 5 because the company had duly submitted all requirements, including an approval from the city planning office in the form of zoning permit.

In an interview with the Inquirer, yesterday, he insisted that DMCI was clear of any violations under the national building code and other laws, and that they had a right to a speedy approval of its application. "Based on the building code, they have no problems. They complied with all requirements

and we couldn't do on it. There were no grounds for delay and we cannot do to issue a building permit," Balaguer stressed. Balaguer maintained that the proposed site for Torre de Manila was a lot closer away from the Rizal monument and that there were no heritage laws restricting the construction of a high-rise building within that distance.

He also declared that DMCI had secured a height clearance permit from the Clark Veterans Authority of the Philippines, allowing the construction of the 100-meter tall building on 500 Avenue, Manila.

Balaguer also stressed that according to the city council by not attending its public hearings in relation to the project, DMCI officials were also denied to the hearings but did not attend and only sent a letter to the council.

"We were, there is a letter requesting that they address their position to Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim as a case study. We are really go with his decision," Balaguer explained. He invited the councilors to just sit in his office if they have any questions or requests for the moment.

He ended with regret that

Torre de Manila, despite having no legal obligations, had come under heavy fire. "They keep saying Manila is being left behind. Now here comes a private developer and they're attacking it."

"We'll face the council's complaints and we'll answer them in the proper forum," he said.

The Manila City Council last week released a consultant report alleging that DMCI Homes and city officials acted "in conspiracy" to have the Torre de Manila project approved.

Diffused artists and now guide Carlos Galdames, who has actively

promoted Manila's historical landmarks, launched an online campaign last month against the project, saying that it would ruin the view of the iconic monument of national hero Dr. Jose Rizal at the park's known as Luneta.

Galdames later promised to the council a position that had gathered more than 4,000 signatures asking DMCI to reconsider its plans.

The consultant report alleged that Torre de Manila, based on plans passed on the DMCI website, would ruin the city's core

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# FDA approves first drug to help prevent HIV infection

WASHINGTON—The Food and Drug Administration on Monday approved the first drug designed to enhance the risk of HIV infection, the first such medicine in the 30-year battle against the virus that causes AIDS.

The agency approved Truvada, a potent medicine to prevent people who are at high risk of acquiring HIV through sexual activity and to those who have

HIV-infected partners. The drug was more than two months earlier than the agency approved another landmark product. The first co-receptor CCR5 inhibitor that American can use as the primary HIV treatment.

The two developments are seen as major steps to prevent toward curbing the spread of HIV in the United States, which has had more than 80,000 new infections per year for the

last 15 years. An estimated 1.2 million Americans have HIV, which is more than 400,000 people, or about 240,000 people, are estimated that they are infected.

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But the drug had long sought to create a pill that could help

prevent the epidemic. Public health advocates said that the drug would be a major breakthrough, both as a medical therapy and as a means of preventing other

preventive measures. Patients who get a prescription for Truvada will be expected to take it as a comprehensive HIV prevention plan, which experts say will reduce the drug's impact.

"It really makes a new era in HIV prevention because it adds Truvada to a preventive strategy, which means with a high degree of accuracy in HIV testing, counseling and preventive services," said Dr. Fauci.

But HIV experts have said that the drug may not be the only way to prevent the epidemic.

# HSBC handled Iran funds, drug money, US Senate report says

WASHINGTON—A "corroborated" source at HSBC Bank, Ltd., said the bank is not an "active" participant in the world's most dangerous and lucrative markets, including Iran, Iraq, the Middle East, South Africa and Syria, according to a scathing US Senate report on Monday.

While the US Senate report is a top US bank regulator who

the report said failed to properly monitor HSBC.

"The subject of HSBC was previously pulled for a long time," said Sen. Carl Levin, chair of the US Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, a Congressional watchdog.

The Senate report provides a new look at how HSBC operated when confronted with money

from Iran, Iraq, Syria and other countries. The report says a source who

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was involved in money.

A Senate investigation found that HSBC had provided "significant" support to the Iranian government, which was then in power.

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NORTH KOREAN leader Kim Jong-un visits a preschool as an official of a private company near him in Pyongyang on July 18, 2012.

# Google search for human traffickers, drug cartels

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# Mystery woman is N. Korean leader Kim Jong-un's wife

SEOUL—A mysterious young woman who appeared at the side of North Korean leader Kim Jong-un in recent hours, the South Korean broadcaster is "confirmed" to be his wife.

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It was her third appearance on state television. First, she was shown next to him at a ceremony on July 7. Then, she was shown with him at a ceremony on July 14.

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### Needles found in sandwiches

NEW YORK—Data on US food safety, said it was working with federal authorities after what appeared to be a sandwich found in a sandwich shop in New York City. The sandwich was found in a sandwich shop in New York City. The sandwich was found in a sandwich shop in New York City.

### Chavez maintains poll lead

CARACAS—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez maintained his advantage over his opponent but Nicolas Maduro in a closely watched poll published on Monday that three months ahead of an Oct. 7 presidential election. The poll was seen as a sign of Chavez's continued popularity.

### Mubarak back to prison

CAIRO—Former leader Hosni Mubarak returned to prison on Monday after being released from a top military hospital. Mubarak was released from a top military hospital. Mubarak was released from a top military hospital.

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## Rebels push war to Syrian capital

**REBUT**—Army helicopters on Tuesday strafed Damascus neighborhood as blasts shook another district hours after rebel fighters announced the launch of a full offensive on the Syrian capital, according to Syrian state media.

Moscow said the violence came as the United Nations Syrian Arab League announced the launch of a full-scale special operation, dubbed "the Damascus offensive and northwestern Syria."

The operation was launched on Monday by the Syrian Arab League, which is a coalition of rebel fighters controlled by the regime of President Bashar al-Assad, the UN's secretary-general said.

A statement attributed the operation to the Syrian Arab League, saying it was a "new beginning" for a new era of conflict and war in Syria.

From the early hours of Tuesday, "regime forces used helicopters (that) with heavy machine guns to attack the northern Damascus district of Qatana," the British-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said.

Witnesses also reported heavy machine-gun fire in Bab al-Jabal Square in the heart of Damascus.

"Machine-gun fire was heard in Bab al-Jabal square, and several of the nearby houses, owned by the Assad family, were hit," the Syrian Arab League said.

Shooting was also reported in Hama, but it was not clear if it was related to the fighting in Damascus.

Earlier, the Observatory said rebels and troops clashed Tuesday in the northern town of M-14, which is close to the Qatana district.

Rebels seized the town on Monday and they have been in control of the town since then. The town is one of the capital's main industrial areas and was a "major point" of the 14-month fighting against the Assad regime in Syria.

An article in the capital said AFP that the fighting had been an attempt by the Assad regime to retake Qatana.

"The army used to send the helicopters to the town to attack the rebels," said the article, which also said that the army had been in control of the town since then.

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## LAUNCHING CITYLAND PINES PEAK

Cityland, a real estate developer, has announced the launch of its new project, Cityland Pines Peak, in the heart of the city.

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## Globe empowers DSWD project officers to efficiently transition CCT beneficiaries into self-reliant families

Leading telecommunications company Globe Telecom has provided the Department of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) with mobile phones and SIM cards to assist DSWD project development officers (PDOs) with more efficient communication with CCT beneficiaries. The DSWD-Globe Partnership is a sustainable livelihood which includes comprehensive training, assistance and financial linkages for beneficiaries of the Conditional Cash Transfer (CCT) program. CCT is the national government's social development strategy which offers conditional cash grants to extremely poor households to improve their health, nutrition and education.

"We are always in the forefront of opportunities to provide cutting-edge technology to help the national government and its agencies work through their mandate. The fact that by giving them the necessary communication tools, we could contribute to existing their programs in various ways," said Bob L. Henson, head of Globe Corporate Social Responsibility.

"We are thankful to Globe for this generous donation. These gadgets will definitely enhance our capacity to deliver public services. Our Project Development Officers (PDOs) will be able to deliver the CCT program more effectively and efficiently. We are grateful to Globe for this generous donation."

Project Development Officers (PDOs) are the design, formulation and development of various CCTD projects in different parts of the country, particularly CCT. The program currently has more than 3 million household beneficiaries in 39 provinces, plus the need for DSWD to strengthen its communication capability in monitoring and evaluating the program.

## Sun Cellular supports unlimited expression: Life, positivism, and freedom according to a sculptor

Life and positivism are the main themes behind the upcoming project created by internationally renowned sculptor, artist and architect, Sun Cellular. As an initiative with the purpose of supporting the creative expression of the Sun Cellular artists, Sun Cellular is launching a project to support the creative expression of the Sun Cellular artists. The project is a collaboration between Sun Cellular and the Sun Cellular artists. The project is a collaboration between Sun Cellular and the Sun Cellular artists.

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# PPP: Plagiarized Policy Paper

THE ACRONYM PPP has been popularly known as public-private partnership, mostly used as an acronym for the Philippine Development Plan (PDP).

This acronym has, however, been used in an odd and unhelpful "bold capacity" as mandated under a memorandum from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) to the Department of Budget and Finance (DBF), tasking it to "develop" a "bold" policy strategy to be submitted to the government with the help of a private firm that specializes in the development of policy documents.

Apparently, the acronym "bold policy" was found out to be a 50 percent "copy-paste" from the ADB's own policy document, and the ADB's own policy document was found to be a 50 percent "copy-paste" from the ADB's own policy document. This is not a "bold" policy, but a "copy-paste" policy.

After the government has already being told for a while, people in the know decided to think that this would have been the ADB's policy to be followed by various private agencies for the PDP. This is not a "bold" policy, but a "copy-paste" policy.

It's not just a quality issue, but an integrity issue," said government sources said.

Source: Business

## Biz Buzz

By the Staff



plans for the year of the President, to the same document has appeared in the past.

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which was a general trend. There was even a general agreement that the PDP was a "copy-paste" from the ADB's own policy document.

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and

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# MOToring

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## Which cars to take after the 'divorce'

A look at some of the latest cars to compensate for your heartbreak

By Jennifer Sison

THE WHOLE world is talking about TomKat's (Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes) sudden divorce after five years of marriage and a daughter. They dwell on the probable epic custody and divorce battles are filling up most of the news channels, from Tom's supposed counseling ways and Katie's fleeing to New York.

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes are worth \$275 million, but having an unequal divorce agreement (estimated with unequal marriage) Katie Holmes already has a good piece of her take away from the marriage before she even said "you complete me" to Tom Cruise. But there are items that are usually included in the dispute such as cars, homes, artworks and even the dog.



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going to hear when you get in.

For the other side of the world, and where divorce is still not legal, splitting up is not the same issue. It usually runs up when money is involved. Here are some tips to make sure you get what you want and to get what you deserve.

First, separate. Understand what the car is going to be for you.

Part of your single life around. If you have the same money making capacity as your partner and you have high-end cars, go for a sports car. You have to remember you are back in the modern where perception is everything. If you can have two cars, upgrade the big name model to the family driver and upgrade yours to a nice and sexy ride like the new BMW 3 Series or Mercedes C-Class. Both cars are reasonable enough to be either driven by you or by a driver. Both cars in dual custody as you are covered in terms of fuel consumption, the new BMW 320i (Diesel) comes in three trim variants, the sport, luxury and luxury with a \$3.4 million, while the \$4.2 million 320i (petrol) packs a turbo engine under the hood.

If you are more the city type but



116 BMW 3 Series is a sport but perfect choice

wanted about how the size will affect your style, opt for a crossover. A crossover is usually a mid-sized car like the Lexus RX350 comes in all wheel drive, luxury, and a 3.5-liter V6 engine with all of the luxury features in luxury behind it. A potent beauty is a luxury car with "house away engine," which forces the engine block to move away from the passenger to ease of a collision. Available in the Honda CR-V with Sky Sensor Technology for better fuel efficiency and better engine output.

Something bigger is the Range Rover. Range, youngest of the family, but packs the same old heritage with local the "The last of the jungle" appeal. Part of the "divorce" any life. It is something that you would need to cash later on, go for the car with big results rather than in the Toyota Land Cruiser or a Nissan Patrol. Both are clearly best sellers and will always be in demand around the world. The Range, the Range, is a car that and business while that also gives a decent payback in the pre-loved market.

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# Too much of a Focus

Test and photos by Kenneth O. and Renato

**A** CAR loaded with features is not thing. But it's a totally different story when a vehicle is fitted with advanced technological features that actually work, those that make the driving experience all the more fun and exciting.

The all new Ford Focus has many of the latter.

In fact, the focus is more on the things that has become the focus of the focus (so to speak) for the very first time. The inclusion of Active Park Assist and the active City Stop system both of which are geared to make the driving experience of Filipinos more comfortable and simpler.

"To very make a driver's car is very pointed and precise. Yet with the active features we've added to it, the all new Focus still has that same Ford global DNA which gives it a consistent look and feel," said John J. Hunter, General Manager of Ford Motor Co.'s new president for product development in Asia Pacific and Africa.

To further demonstrate how the new Focus improves comfort and driving with a simplified quality, Ford introduced a new generation of the automatic price offer that includes to focus Thailand, just work for a two-day and a half.

The test drive in Thailand was held after the new Focus was unveiled to the country's

automobile agencies at the Bangkok Test in Mahul City.

The class-exclusive Active Park Assist system is a feature that allows the driver to automatically park the car—fully hands-free—in just under a minute. Once a vehicle with a simple touch of a button, the system begins maneuvering to an available parking space.

When in ideal space (a light or 1.2 meters long or less), the car has been identified. The system releases the driver and the car is parked.

The Focus effectively takes the driver of parallel parking. With the system, the driver is left only with operating the accelerator and brake pedals," said John Hunter, the company's director of product development in Asia Pacific and Africa.

The Active City Stop, on the other hand, is a system that helps mitigate low-speed collisions by automatically applying the brakes when the car's automatic system recognizes that impact is imminent.

With this system, drivers



THE ALL-NEW Focus only represents the latest evolution of Ford's focus



AM SHANGHAI light appears in the side mirror when conditions for the Active Park Assist



THE ALL-NEW Focus's SYNC system powered by Microsoft



THE FOCUS is powered by a new 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine

will on the Focus stop when 22 inches from the car already in front of it to help in the speed limit and maintain 20 km/h. While this may reduce the severity of accidents and even save lives, it's not the only thing that makes the Focus a car that's worth driving.

"It's a compelling product that has a wide range of technologies, generally found only in larger, more expensive vehicles. It's a game-changer in the mid-range car segment," said Hunter.

The new Focus is a big statement of the Ford product portfolio in the region. It will be produced at the Ford's new 200,000 sqm, state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Rayong, Thailand, which will supply the entire South Asian as well as



THE ACTIVE City Stop system only applies the brakes when impact is imminent



A FOCUS's compact and interior with a sleeker center console



PHILIPPINE motorist gives a thumbs up to the Focus

other export markets.

Discontinued by Global and sporty design, the latest in the Focus range introduces a new look, but the model lineup which includes the entry-level Focus, the Focus Sport and Focus Titanium, and the high-end Focus RS and Focus RS X.

The Focus RS X, a mid-range model, is available in a four-door version.

In the Philippines, the price of the active version of the Focus ranges from P209,000 to P1,199,000, while the Focus RS X, a four-door model, has a price tag of between P209,000 and P1,199,000.

Aside from the advanced features, the new Focus has a host of other benefits and

features, including the new 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine, which is a 20% improvement over the previous 2.0-liter EcoBoost engine.

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## Motor Image Pilipinas unveils all-new Subaru Impreza

By John Uy  
Motor Image Pilipinas

**Motor Image Pilipinas**, the country's exclusive distributor for Subaru vehicles, held a sub-launch of the all-new 2012 Subaru Impreza last Saturday at the Makati Grand Ballroom. Two variants are now available—the Impreza 2.0-liter i-Boxer with a 160-horsepower CVT and the Impreza 2.0-liter i-Boxer with a 160-horsepower CVT.



THE NEW Impreza has a more powerful 2.0-liter i-Boxer engine

and its sporty dynamics.

The new Impreza model is unveiled by Motor Image Pilipinas general manager, John Uy, who said that the car is a "real hot item" in the company's lineup. The car is a "real hot item" in the company's lineup. The car is a "real hot item" in the company's lineup.



THE NEW Impreza has a more powerful 2.0-liter i-Boxer engine

local car dealers, and even the Japanese government. The car is a "real hot item" in the company's lineup. The car is a "real hot item" in the company's lineup.



THE NEW Impreza has a more powerful 2.0-liter i-Boxer engine



Motor Image Pilipinas general manager John Uy



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THE SUBARU Impreza is a car that is also the compact car segment



THE NEW Impreza has a more powerful 2.0-liter i-Boxer engine

To experience the all-new Impreza, visit one of the following dealerships in Makati, Philippines: Cebu and Manila to have a test drive at Makati Grand Ballroom. Cebu and Manila to have a test drive at Makati Grand Ballroom. Cebu and Manila to have a test drive at Makati Grand Ballroom.









# MOTORING

## HONDA REBOUND

# The unbreakable DNA weathers threats

By Yusef B. Sison  
Photo by Eugene Aranas

In 2008, the worldwide Global Consumer Research Association (GCRA) compared a series of three "brand" environments, listing their rating in 15 criteria, encompassing environmental responsibility, safety and security for business rights and financial health. Honda was ranked the eighth brand that attracted the most number of criticisms.

And as documented in the book "Corporate Car Conspiracies," the Honda brand has also been "specific" gathering boomer and destination around the world, leaving for instance, the most number of the 100 best awards from North America for the year, "Best of the Year," to American ships.

The fact is, nearly double remarkable, what with Honda being hit hard by two natural disasters in recent years. The earthquake and tsunami in Japan, and the flooding in Thailand's first week, a toll on its supply chain, and an all-out-out carmaker competition, posed by growing Korean brands.

Despite the temptation to do things "the easy way," Honda has Philippines Inc. (PHIL) stuck to its corporate values, as highlighted by its policy of publicly announcing results that even with inevitable increase in replacing potentially faulty parts and/or services, match competitors. At a time when "brand recall" lower levels the way, and public opinion considered "brand recall," PHIL was able to get the message across. After the second, and the third of it, however, but expose it to the open, and the worst-case did up and level even again. Public recall immediately jumped for consumer confidence in the brand, as the company showed it placed the safety and welfare of its customers as top of its priorities.

In other promotional products include "The Future" "The Future" campaign which made its lineup of products, City, Civic, and CR-V available for test-drive to all of its 28 dealerships, in Honda Challenge Day in 2011, as the other hand, might participate in efficiency challenges using the City, Jazz, Civic, CR-V and Accord.

Last year, due to the effects of the Japan earthquake and the flooding in Thailand, Honda's presence in the Philippine market dropped. PHIL has recovered from that, however, and now offers a steady supply of vehicles. In January this year, PHIL introduced a new City with minor model changes, a full model change Civic and CR-V for the first time, and special vehicles for the first and Odyssey, and the Honda is launching new models which completed its Civic line up: The Civic 1.8i manual and automatic transmission, 1.8i (AT) and 2.4i (AT). PHIL's current models is 1.8i (AT).

For the first, Honda's recovery seemed to last year—a disaster recovery.

Honda can be said to be addressing its existing automotive landscape—a landscape that includes aggressive Korean brands, which means more buyers, and which makes the market. Honda has paid special attention to its Korean competitors, because much of the competition's personnel is from Korea, and even from Honda's own DNA of fun-to-drive, fuel efficiency, and safety.

Appreciation. This was the second meeting in my third office, sometime in May. I had taken two of Honda's brand vehicles out on a spin. These two were as far apart from Honda's production line as they could be. One was its most premium vehicle, the other was its most affordable.

Nevertheless, I experienced that Honda's DNA is fun-to-drive, and it soon as I sat in the driver's seat, I appreciated what Honda had gone through to still make up for its customers in its recovery in the value of its brand name.

The Accord is Honda's premium vehicle in the Philippines, and has been given award to appeal to corporate executives and business owners, mostly in the 200 and 400. The Accord's driving performance and comfort has been recognized and designed to match the status of its passengers.

The Accord underwent a product refresh in late 2011, and despite showing lower value as late model cars (as compared to last year), the Accord's long history and excellent track record in the Philippine automotive market still positions it as a player among the top-rated models in its category.

The City, which is currently the most affordable vehicle in the Honda model lineup—has been positioned in the sub-compact sedan category. It continues to be one of the best-selling cars in the Philippines. In 2011, City last January, after four model changes since its birth in 2005, the City's sales volume this year still put it among the top-selling models in its category. While competitors include several 4-seater

sedan with more than 1,000 cc, the City has retained solely an individual customer, and still able to capture a significant share in its market category.

Just like its instant sales last, the City has generated yet fuel-efficient engines (1.8 and 2.0 liter manual), compact body size yet spacious interior. It appeals to both single and multiple car households. The City appeals to customers of a wide age range. The Accord comes up with higher styling and design sensibility, with its sporty



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My little girl goes to school

**I**F YOU ASKED ME TO describe my daughter this past last week, we had the whole breakdown: school experience, complete with math, science and art class.

I felt a little wistful. It felt like she had just boarded a train that would take her to all these marvelous places—without me.

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Every day for about a week, she would ask if school was open at all.

The first day finally came. We all woke up early and got ready—of course we had laid out everything the night before so we were in uniform earlier than expected.

Like many excited parents, my husband, Bill, and I took her picture outside and brought her into the school yard. I was worried she would cry and cling on, but because we assumed she knew I was her mom, she looks I am from my hand and ran to a fellow kid where she happily joined another little girl and began all about us.

When the bell rang, she clapped, fully scored goodfuns and followed her teacher to the classroom. They put her with kids in the same age group. As I watched her sing and dance with them, I was hit with a sense of emotion.

On our family, I was so happy to see her smiling. But on the other



convinced that the benefits of the enhanced curriculum will outweigh the challenges. The government has programs to help make it easier for teachers.

Graduates will have not just diplomas, but also an appreciation of whatever they choose to specialize in. The entire time in school and the spread-out weekend will allow them to just meet on a molecular and community activities. It is hoped this will create more well-rounded development and the development of more essential skills for employment.

We are the last country in Asia to switch to a 12-year basic education program. There are only two other Asian countries that have not yet adopted the 11th grade. It is about time we gave it a try.

They say it will take at least one generation (the generation of our kids) even today before we can see the effects, but it sounds promising and I do hope it works for our cause.

### These specialists by

I continued my daily reading routine and modified her to classes such as art, swimming and ballet. I had been a great girl who went by the quality. Before I knew it, a new school was in session.

## Nursing wear line taps mom bloggers

WHEN JARCE Williams and Caroline Co-jed up *Minute* Martens more than 19 years ago, they agreed on one important factor: Their nursing career must be something and means would want to

Today, the women have stayed the course, creating clothes for breastfeeding mothers that are stylish, comfortable and functional.

Many others topped lists of the most-favored non-Spaghetti who have done less, better and often, more often. They are busy and full time, and are illustrating their belief.

Paula loved meals on Monday (and the comfort of her home). While her one-and-a-half-year-old daughter chirps, Paula prepares a sweet order for her son, crust-fattened cookies, which have helped her maintain a sense of normalcy after a traumatic experience.

A heady weekend means, I am sure, a digital gadget to help her track her life...from tracking schedules to her daughter's doctor appointments. Life is also not dry as my book, just ask for help with her tasks to give her time to relax.

ing and that it's okay to take some "me" time from my daughter. I became happier and calmer. By remembering my needs as a person, I have achieved more out of bedtime in my life."

the says, "I will never forgive himself. He knows the cost of these things perfectly. He knows too high, for example, that it's not our mistakes in MI that will define us."

The *Indefatigables*, Kate de Chateau goes on, is a dinner-table item with her husband. It's a catalogue from the typical work that has them taking care of their five children's work while managing their professional lives.

It's just the popular thing. On-MountainMentals. She is also director of her marketing agency and runs a water-Mountain business.



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For the overall look, we chose a warm, natural wood tone for the dining table and chairs. The table is made of solid oak and has a thick, rustic top. The chairs are also made of oak and have a simple, clean design. The tablecloth is a striped fabric in shades of red, white, and blue. The centerpiece is a large arrangement of white flowers and greenery. The bench is made of oak and has a curved backrest. The overall look is warm and inviting.





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# Carlo Calma's bold, quirky 'conversations'—between two houses



**CARLO Calma** is in the middle of a gallery of his minimalist art collection in his new home.

(Opposite page)

point to create a built-in artwork," he explains. "This time, it's the exterior. The idea of using standard form is quite tedious. The structure's changed morphology can be seen in the straight lines that span out and eventually protrude in one chain of steps."

Drawing inspiration from his favorite abstract, Italian designed set, one that has a geometric form, he designed some of the house's interior by using other custom-made or hand-crafted items, like metal sculptures.

"I always have fun doing interiors," says Calma, despite the obvious expense it entails to achieve his vision. "Whenever I travel abroad, I try to stay in some of the best boutique hotels. It's one of the first things I check out when I enter my room."

Unlike hotel chains, he says, some of these boutique hotels feature the best and most interesting interiors. Apart from its modern quality details, a good number of these boutique hotels are out of the box configurations. Calma has worked on achieving the same level of surprise and surprise in his captured interior project.



**EXTENSION** exterior are located in concrete blocks with a white, dark gray and texture of stone above. The straight and diagonal lines on the walls create a sense of depth and bring the exterior to a new level of becoming a real two-dimensional.

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## Cinemalaya tribute to Delphy

CINEMALAYA will pay tribute to comedy king Delphy as it unveils rights at the Little Theater of the Cultural Center of the Philippines, said Laverne Guillen, competition director of the annual film festival which opens on Friday. The festival, very event since last year's "King Tony Tony Montano" which starred the late comedian with Nino Holmberg, began in San Diego, Jr.

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## Dark hour, shining moments

Her photo on 11

THE DEATH of comedy king Delphy taught us one thing: something good can be derived from adversity. His passing united his 18 children, who have different mothers. He colleagues from competing TV networks didn't mind being in the

same room or grave with his family from the start of the wake up till the time he was laid to rest on Sunday. Even those otherwise dark times, Delphy's reminder for everyone to "smile through pain and sorrow" was heartily heeded.



THE CROWD'S streamers before Delphy's wake was that elicited a rare smile from longtime partner Eva Eza Padilla and daughter Zia.



ALMA Padilla, one of the women in his life and mother of son Kandyah.



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# Manila wows David Cook

By Dave Karger

Manila, Philippines—David Cook's performance at the Manila Music Festival was a triumph. The 25-year-old singer, who has already won the American Idol competition, delivered a powerful and emotional performance that left the audience in awe.

Cook, who is currently on tour with his band, performed a set of songs that showcased his versatility as a performer. He opened with a cover of "I Wanna Dance with Somebody" by Whitney Houston, which he performed with a powerful and soulful voice.

He then performed his original song "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," which he wrote and produced himself. The song is a powerful and emotional ballad that showcases Cook's songwriting abilities.

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David Cook performing on stage, singing into a microphone.



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# Scandalous star banned from family parties

**By David Karger/Associated Press**  
A scandalous star of the television series "The Contender" has been banned from attending family parties in the town of his birth, a move that has sparked controversy and raised questions about the town's policies on public safety and community values.



The town of [Name] has announced that [Name], a well-known actor and star of the hit TV show "The Contender," is no longer welcome at any family gatherings or public events held in the town. The decision was made by the town council after a series of complaints from residents who felt that the actor's presence was inappropriate and potentially disruptive.

The town council, in a meeting held last week, voted unanimously to ban [Name] from all town events. The council members cited the actor's recent behavior and the potential for public safety issues as the primary reasons for the ban. They also expressed concern about the impact of the actor's presence on the town's reputation and the well-being of its residents.

The actor, who is a resident of the town, has expressed his disappointment with the decision and has vowed to continue his work in the entertainment industry. He has also stated that he will not be attending any town events in the future. The ban has been met with mixed reactions from the town's residents, with some supporting the council's decision and others expressing sympathy for the actor.

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"The brother of my mother's attacker is in jail for gross threats. I wish they would release the CCTV footage immediately. We are spending the week for our own safety. Our lives are still at risk, especially if the brother goes bad."

Maybe *The News* should seek the help of "Big Brother" in a systematic video surveillance of her apartment for next and recent months to come on New

**Dolby tribute**  
It was a privilege to coach the TDT tribute to Tim Dolby last Sunday along with Tito Cruz, Fernán, Juan Brando and Paula Bermúdez. I didn't mind meeting on a Tuesday because I was there.

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